Scarcity of Drinking Water in Gowribidanur Taluk

118. SRI B.N.K. PAPAIAH (Gowribidanur).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is searcity of drinking water due to insufficient rainfall in Gowribidanur Taluk for the last two years;

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to provide drinking water to the people and cattle;

(*c*) the steps taken in respect of scarcity relief measures?

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj).—

(*a*) The scarcity of drinking water during 1976-77 and hardship caused to them has come to the notice of the Government.

(*b*) During 1976-77 and 1977-78, 103 Tubewells were dug out of which 84 wells were found to be successful and all such 84 wells were fitted with handpumps. Besides the present drinking water wells under the T D.Bs have been deepened. For this purpose a sum of Rs. 15,000 was provided from Famine Relief Fund by the Government.

(*c*) Please see reply to clause (*b*) above.

State Fund Roads in Arakalgud Taluk

142. SRI K.B. MALLAPPA (Arakalgud).—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.

(*a*) the length of State Fund Roads, R.C. Roads and taken over roads in Arakalgud Taluk;

(*b*) out of them, the length of roads (in miles) tarred;

(*c*) the length of roads in Taluks of Hassan District and length of roads (in miles) tarred in the Taluks;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that though sanction was accorded long back for the construction of Keralapura bridge, the construction of the same has not been completed so far?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Details of roads in Arakalgud taluk are as follows.

1. Length of State Fund Road as per the information furnished upto 31st March 1977 ... 333 Kms

2. Length of R.C. Roads ... 118 Kms
3. Length of taken over roads as per the G.O. No. PWD 411 CSR 77, dated 25th March 1978 ... 34 Kms

(*b*) 99 KM of roads have been tarred.

(*c*) ...

Name of Taluk	Total Length of roads in Kilometres	Length of tarred roads in Kilometres
Hassan	522	136
Arasikere	676	173
Holenarasipur	476	77
Sakaleshpur	603	144
Alur	329	51
Arakalgud	424	99
Belur	466	135
Channarayapatna	553	193
Total ...	4,049	1,008

(*d*) Yes.

Old age Pensions granted in Mysore District

172. SRI H. GANGADHARAN (Krishnaraja).—Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of old age pensions granted in Mysore District for the last three years (Taluk-wise and communitywise figures may please be furnished);

(*b*) the amount af old age pensions granted to the different classes in various cities of the District?

SRI S.M. YAHYA (Minister for Finance).—(a) and (b) The old age pension can be granted to any and destitute person irrespective of the caste or community to which he belongs-according to the old age pension rules. The caste or community is a factor not to be taken into consideration for the grant of old age pension. Even in the form of application there is no mention of caste. Therefore for grant of old age pension, the criteria is the destituteness of the person and not his caste or class. All classes and castes are treated on par for the grant of the pension.